



OBITUARY.



Died on Saturday, August 4th, 1849, after a long and painful illness, ABNER LORING BAKER, of Hingham, aged 28 years, partner in the house of J. BAKER & Sons, of Boston.

Aside from the effect of this calamity upon the immediate family of the departed—to whom his life, in the several relations he bore to its different members, was invaluable, and the sanctity of whose grief we would not invade by more than this simple reference to it—Mr. Baker's death will be felt by a large circle of friends in his native town, and elsewhere, as a severe loss to them and the community in which he dwelt. The writer of this notice, having enjoyed an intimate personal intercourse with the deceased, is glad to bear testimony to his many good qualities. Always faithful in his duties as a son and brother, a husband, and a father, those who held towards him the corresponding relation, found in him all they could wish.

A warm friend, he expected from those to whom he gave his confidence a full return in kind.

Urbane, of an unvarying cheerfulness, and good temper—which did not desert him through long months of intense mental and bodily suffering, the result of disease—of the danger from which not even his physicians seem to have been aware till he had ceased to suffer—he scarcely failed to attach to himself all who came within the sphere of his influence.

Few young men have commenced life with brighter prospects than the deceased. To extraordinary business capacity and maturity of judgment, he united untiring industry and perseverance in all he undertook; and many have felt and will yet enjoy the benefit of his exertions, in the establishment and building up of a business which gives employment to large numbers of his fellow town's-people.

Evidence of strong religious faith was particularly exhibited during the sickness which has finally caused his death.—Mental anguish, the effect of his malady, and which is always most difficult to be reached by mere human sympathy, found no relief, as he said, except in prayer.

It will be grateful to all who mourn his loss to know that suffering had done its work by guiding him into a more intimate communion with his Maker; and to feel assured that his death, long foreseen and foretold by himself as fast approaching, though this was not realized by any one else, has brought rest and peace to their friend, which, from the nervous affection that he labored under, there was scarcely a hope, had he lived, would ever have returned to him here.

Closed is his short career;
The places he has trod
Shall never know him more;
He rests at peace with God.

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